

**9.** Left along drive and soon after buildings cross stile by fieldgate. Go immediately right through scrubby area to stile by tree. Over and then make for far left hand corner of field and over two close stiles. Keeping hedge on right, find stile with stepboards straight on at edge of wood. Over and carefully down a steep path through the trees into Marrington Dingle. At forest track turn right for about 100 metres to a short footpath marker on left. Take this left path across the lush grass to another forest track and then right to a junction. Turn right here along the valley bottom track noticing the wooden 'hunting lodge' precariously above you! After about 0.5km a house will come into view on your left. A faint unmarked path goes off to your left just before the house. Drop down this to a large wooden footbridge over the river and into the garden of the house!

**10.** Cross the lawn parallel to the house and find the path just off to the left by the millstream and go over a small bridge and up steps into valley side woods. Follow a small path up left to a 'stumpy' footpath marker and then continue left diagonally up a wide track up the valley side. At the top cross the stile and turn left along the grassy track. This rises very slightly and as it levels look out for footpath markers on the fence on the left. Turn right here across a rough area to a stile. Over this and straight on to a stile in a high hedge.

**11.** Cross and then be extremely careful. A very fast main road is immediately on the other side of the hedge and the vehicles are very close to where you suddenly emerge! The path is slightly to the left on the other side of the road at a metal footpath gate. After gate go down through field keeping hedge on your left to find a metal footpath gate and then a sleeper bridge over a stream. Go slightly right across field aiming for a single tree as it comes into view. Pass through gap to left of tree and then straight on to find a small gap in hedge to left of larger gap. Go through, keep hedge on left, and drop down to a stream with wooden footbridge. Cross and then go through metal footpath gate into field. Go straight on and through 'grown out' hedgerow to find metal footpath gate by large oak tree.

**12.** Onto lane and left to quickly find a tarmac drive to Timberth Cottage on the right. Follow this to the cottage and through a footpath gate and then a fieldgate/stile into a field. Go slightly right across this field and at the top of the rise aim for stile in the far hedge not far from the right hand corner of the field.

Over the stile and keep the hedge on your left to find a stile at the far end slightly to the right of the field corner. Over and then slightly right to follow a clearing through the crops and emerge onto a grassy farm track by a line of trees. (If the farmer has not made a clearing go right along the hedgerow to a grassy farm track and then turn left along that keeping a hedge on your right). Follow the track keeping a copse on your right to find a fieldgate in the far right hand corner.

**13.** Go through and immediately right along the forest track to another fieldgate. Go through and follow track to another fieldgate then into yard of house and slightly right to a wooden gate onto a tarmac drive.

**14.** Follow this drive past fields, into a wood and then, after a 'Park' type section, past the Montgomery cricket ground. After stone farm buildings on your left you will soon see a bridleway sign and wooden gate on your left. Take this and after two fields you go through a wooden kissing gate into a wildlife area and into Montgomery town car park. Continue through this and along the road into the town centre.

#### PLEASE KEEP TO THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Farming country – dogs must be on leads
- Leave gates as you find them
- Keep to the waymarked paths
- Wear suitable footwear and clothing
- Take your litter home
- Take extra care in fields of cows and calves

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# MONTGOMERY TRAILS **Bus out Walk back**

## **3** CORNDON RAMBLE

A beautiful walk crossing the Corndon Hill area and returning to Montgomery through the Camlad valley and Vale of Montgomery with superb views.



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Roundton hill

As the view to the left opens out again look out for a short footpath marker post on the left. (If you want to access the top of Corndon go on a short way to end of trees on right and through gate to access a steep path to top. Return the same way).

**6.** At this post turn left, follow right hand side of grass area to find narrow path going steeply down through bracken, over a stile and down through a field to the hairpin of a stony track. Turn left along track, rise up and soon after top look out for stile on right. Do not follow track to house. Over stile, through wooden gate and then straight down field to stile. Go over and carefully down steep 'staircase'. Straight on to stile next to fieldgate and onto road.

**7.** Cross road, through fieldgate and follow hedge on left. Ignore next fieldgate, keep hedge on left down field to next fieldgate. Again ignore fieldgate and keep hedge on left to soon find a stile in this hedge by double sets of wooden electricity poles. Cross, turn right and keeping hedge on right follow until hedge turns right. Go diagonally left across field to stile by tree. Cross the stile and on same direction make for gate and stile at right end of farm barns.

**8.** Cross and immediately turn right into yard in front of farmhouse. At right of yard 'squeeze' along the side of timber garage and then left carefully avoiding steep drop on right into dingle. Follow faint path right of brick wall and go carefully down along the side of dingle through trees to a stile. Go over and follow grass 'track' through gorse area down into a field. Look to right to see a footbridge over the stream. Cross stream then slightly left up steep bank into field. Straight up the large field to a fieldgate and stile in far hedgerow. Go through onto a stone track to a tarmacked driveway in front of converted barns.

### BUS DETAIL:

From Broad Street Montgomery take a Newtown (Y Drenewydd) bus number 81 (and NOT a T12) as far as **Churchstoke Co-op supermarket** (11 minutes journey time). Departures have been 07:47, 10:22 and 13:22 for a while BUT please check at [www.tanat.co.uk](http://www.tanat.co.uk)

## CHURCHSTOKE BUS WALK

**9.5 Miles (15.3 km) - Moderate to Strenuous walking**

OS Explorer 216 Welshpool and Montgomery

**1.** Exit bus at the Supermarket and cross service road into car park of supermarket, pass in front of Texaco fuel station to far car park and cross main road to follow footpath on gravel track up field to isolated house. Cross stile to right of house and turn left keeping hedge on left. Ignore stile in left hedge, and at top of field cross stile. Go slightly right up hill, keeping the concrete block pump house on your left, to the stile at the tree margin edge. Cross and up to lane.

**2.** Right and then almost immediately left up track signposted for Bryn Cadno. Over cattle grid then head up left keeping grown out hedge on left. Go through grown out hedgerow in front and continue to top of first hill and admire the view.

**3.** Walk directly towards the 'rocky outcrop' of Roundton hill (see photo) and a small grey steel pumphouse on the next ridge before you. At the pumphouse bear right on indistinct grass track and then almost immediately left down slope to a stile in a fenceline. Go over and then descend carefully through trees on a slightly rocky narrow path to the valley bottom.

**4.** Cross a gravel driveway to a stile and then down the field, ignoring a stile on right, to further stile below the bungalow. Cross and proceed slightly left to another stile. Over that onto gravel track and right to wooden fieldgate. Through the fieldgate then, immediately left before the ford, go over sleeper bridge and left along grass path by stream through Roundton nature reserve. In about 1/3 rd kilometre cross stream and stile to road.

**5.** Left along lane, passing a left junction, to a right junction at top of rise. Turn up this dead end lane and climb steeply 1/2 kilometre to fieldgate. Go through and along stony track with superb views across all of Wales. Track changes to a grassy one and through a fieldgate (see cover photo). It then rises through another gateway and becomes stony again to follow a 'pass' between Lan Fawr and Corndon Hills. The top of Lan Fawr can be visited to the left if required (Access land).